BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2 Case No. 2005-34 3 In the Matter of: STIPULATED SURRENDER OF 4 ALICIA BESTWICK LICENSE AND ORDER 49373 Aspen Drive 5 Morongo Valley, CA 92256 Registered Nurse License No. 467434 6 7 Respondent. 8 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties that 9 the following matters are true: 10 **PARTIES** 11 1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of 12 the Board of Registered Nursing, who brought this action solely in her official capacity. 13 Alicia Bestwick (Respondent), is a probationary registered nurse. 2. 14 JURISDICTION 15 On June 17, 2005, the Board of Registered Nursing adopted Stipulated 16 Settlement and Disciplinary Order No. 2005-34, which became effective on July 18, 2005. The 17 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order requires, inter alia, the respondent to serve a three-18 year probation term that includes Probation Conditions # 1-15. The Stipulated Settlement and 19 Disciplinary Order is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. 20 Condition #13 of the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order allows 21 the Board of Registered Nursing to accept the surrender of the respondent's license if she ceases 22 practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of 23 probation. 24 25 26 27

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 4. Respondent has carefully read and understands Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order No. 2005-34. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and understands that this Stipulated Settlement, if accepted by the Board, is considered as formal discipline of her license.
- 5. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to accept the surrender of her Registered Nurse License without further process.

CONTINGENCY

- 6. The Respondent understands and agrees that by signing this Stipulated Settlement, that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the date it becomes effective. If the Board declines to accept this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Order shall be of no force or effect.
- 7. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 8. In consideration of the foregoing stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 467434, issued to Respondent Alicia Bestwick, is surrendered and the surrender is accepted by the Board of Registered Nursing.

- 9. The surrender of Respondent's Registered Nurse License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- 10. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Registered Nurse in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

1	11. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both her wall and		
2	pocket license certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.		
3	12. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if she ever files an		
4	application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board		
5	shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws,		
6	regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the		
7	petition is filed		
8	13. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement.		
9	for one year from the effective date of the Board of Registered Nursing's Decision and Order.		
10	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>		
11	I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. Tunderstand		
12	the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this		
13	Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to		
14	be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.		
15	DATED: L-26-04		
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17	ALICIA BESTWICK		
18	Respondent		
19	ENDORSEMENT		
20	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully		
21	accepted by Ruth Ann Terry, Executive Officer for the Board of Registered Nursing.		
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4	In the Matter of: Case No. 2	005-34	
5	ALICIA BESTWICK 49373 Aspen Drive		
6	Morongo Volloy, CA, 02256		
7	Registered Nurse License No. 467434		
8	Respondent.		
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10	10 <u>DECISION AND ORDER</u>		
11	The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Or	der is hereby adopted by the	
12	Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.		
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14	It is so ORDERED on August 21, 2008.		
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16	This Decision shall become effective on Augu	This Decision shall become effective on August 21, 2008.	
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18	Ruth Ann Terry, Executive Officer FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING		
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Alicia Bestwick 49373 Aspen Drive Morongo Valley, CA 92256

Case No. 2005-34

OAH No. L2004110078

Registered Nurse License No. 467434

Respondent.

DECISION

The attached Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on July 18, 2005.

IT IS SO ORDERED June 17, 2005.

Sandra K. Enickson

President
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California

1 2 3 4 5	of the State of California MARC D. GREENBAUM, State Bar No. 138213 Deputy Attorney General California Department of Justice 300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-2579		
6	Attorneys for Complainant		
7 8 9	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2005-34 and	
11	ALICIA BESTWICK	OAH No. L-2004110078	
12	49373 Aspen Drive Morongo Valley, CA 92256	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND	
13		DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
14	Registered Nurse License No. 467434		
15	Respondent.		
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the		
18	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters	s are true:	
19	PARTIES	<u>S</u>	
20	1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N.	(Complainant) is the Executive Officer of	
21	the Board of Registered Nursing. She brought this ac	ction solely in her official capacity and is	
22	represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney (General of the State of California, by	
23	Marc D. Greenbaum, Deputy Attorney General.		
24	2. Respondent Alicia Bestwick (F	Respondent) is represented in this	
25	proceeding by attorney Edgardo Gonzalez, whose add	dress is 1300 Clay Street, Suite 600,	
26	Oakland, CA 94612.		
27	3. On or about August 31, 1991, the Board of Registered Nursing issued		
28		vick. The License was in full force and	

effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2005-34 and and will expire on December 31, 2004, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 2005-34 and was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 17, 2004. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense. A copy of Accusation No. 2005-34 and is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2005-34 and . Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 2005-34 and .
- 9. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nurse License is subject to discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Board of Registered Nursing's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Registered Nursing or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- Nursing. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 467434 issued to Respondent Alicia Bestwick is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

Severability Clause. Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared

unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. Obey All Laws. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by Respondent to the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this condition, Respondent shall submit completed fingerprint forms and fingerprint fees within 45 days of the effective date of the decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process.

Criminal Court Orders: If Respondent is under criminal court orders, including probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these probation conditions, and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation.

2. Comply with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall fully comply with the conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no more than 15 days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active, current license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license shall be fully restored.

- 3. **Report in Person.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.
- 4. Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State. Periods of residency or practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when she resides outside of California. Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change of residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or

returning to practice in this state.

Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where she has ever been licensed as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if she applies for or obtains a new nursing license during the term of probation.

5. **Submit Written Reports.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every state and territory in which she has a registered nurse license.

6. Function as a Registered Nurse. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing" may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of

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27⁻ probation shall apply.

7. Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements. Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any employment, paid or voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request of the Board.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to her employer and immediate supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she is terminated or separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

8. **Supervision.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good standing (no current discipline) with the Board of Registered Nursing, unless alternative methods of supervision and/or collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the following:

- (a) Maximum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.
- (b) Moderate The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.

- (c) Minimum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-to-person communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.
- (d) Home Health Care If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to patients' homes visited by Respondent with or without Respondent present.
- 9. **Employment Limitations.** Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a traveling nurse, or for an in-house nursing pool.

Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits are required.

Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

If Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

10. Complete a Nursing Course(s). Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later

than six months prior to the end of her probationary term.

Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s). Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to Respondent after photocopying them for its records.

11. Cost Recovery. Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of one-thousand-five-hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in 24 consecutive monthly payments beginning the effective date of this decision in the amount of sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$62.50).

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation will apply.

12. Violation of Probation. If Respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the Board after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation) of Respondent's license.

If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

13. License Surrender. During Respondent's term of probation, if she ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, Respondent may surrender her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to

take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, Respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

- (1) Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or
 - (2) One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.
- 14. Mental Health Examination. Respondent shall, within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, have a mental health examination including psychological testing as appropriate to determine her capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. The examination will be performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other licensed mental health practitioner approved by the Board. The examining mental health practitioner will submit a written report of that assessment and recommendations to the Board. All costs are the responsibility of Respondent. Recommendations for treatment, therapy or counseling made as a result of the mental health examination will be instituted and followed by Respondent.

If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the licensed mental health care practitioner making this determination shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease practice and may not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required, until the Board has notified Respondent that a mental health determination permits Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within

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the 45-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant, documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided. Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

Therapy or Counseling Program. Respondent, at her expense, shall participate in an on-going counseling program until such time as the Board releases her from this requirement and only upon the recommendation of the counselor. Written progress reports from the counselor will be required at various intervals.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Edgardo Gonzalez. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Name License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

DATED: 2-16-05

I have reed and fully discussed with Respondent Alicia Beatwick the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary

Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 1-16-05

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ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs. DATED: 3/22/05 BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California 1. O- Inclubay Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant DOJ Matter ID: LA2004800622 50025523.2.wpd

Exhibit A
Accusation No. 2005-34 and

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1	of the State of California MARC D. GREENBAUM, State Bar No. 138213 Deputy Attorney General		
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4	300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013		
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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING		
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2005-34	
12	ALICIA BESTWICK 49373 Aspen Drive	ACCUSATION	
13	Morongo Valley, CA 92256		
14	Registered Nursing License No. 467434		
15	Respondent.		
16	Complainant alleges:	,	
17	<u>PARTIES</u>		
18	1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N.	. (Complainant) brings this Accusation	
19	solely in her official capacity as the Executive Office	er of the Board of Registered Nursing,	
20	Department of Consumer Affairs.		
21	2. On or about August 31, 1991, the Board of Registered Nursing issued		
22	Registered Nursing License No. 467434 to Alicia Be	stwick (Respondent). The Registered	
23	Nursing License was in full force and effect at all time	nes relevant to the charges brought herein	
24	and will expire on December 31, 2004, unless renewe	ed.	
25	JURISDICTI	<u>ION</u>	
26	3. This Accusation is brought bef	fore the Board of Registered Nursing	
27	(Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section		
28	references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated		

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4. Section 2750 states, in pertinent part:

"Every certificate holder or licensee, including licensees holding temporary licenses, or licensees holding licenses placed in an inactive status, may be disciplined as provided in this article [article 3, commencing with section 2750]. As used in this article, 'license' includes certificate, registration, or any other authorization to engage in the practice regulated by this chapter [chapter 6, commencing with section 2700]."

5. Section 2764 states:

"The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary suspension of a license by a licentiate shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license."

6. Section 2811, subdivision (b), provides in pertinent part, that each license not renewed in accordance with that section shall expire, but may within a period of eight years thereafter be reinstated.

7. Section 2761 states:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(d) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter [chapter 6, commencing with section 2700] or regulations adopted pursuant to it.

"(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

8. Section 490 states:

"A board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, states:

"A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare.

10. Section 125.3, subdivision (a), states, in pertinent part:

"Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department . . . the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

11. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 2761 subdivision (f) and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a registered nurse, as follows:

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1	A. On or about September 17, 2002, Respondent was convicted on a plea of	
2	guilty, for violating one count of Penal Code section 246.3	
3	in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, Joshua Tree District,	
4	Case No. FMB005424.	
5	B. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about July 24,	
6	2002, Respondent, willfully and unlawfully discharged a firearm in a grossly negligent manner,	
7	which could have resulted in injury and death to a person.	
8	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
9	(Unprofessional Conduct)	
10	12. Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 2761 subdivision (a) and	
11	(d), for unprofessional conduct, in that on September 17, 2002, Respondent was convicted of a	
12	crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a registered nurse, as more	
13	fully set forth in paragraph 11 above.	
14	<u>PRAYER</u>	
15	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein	
16	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:	
17	1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License No. 467434, issued to	
18	Alicia Bestwick;	
19	2. Ordering to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of	
20	the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code	
21	section 125.3;	
22	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.	
23	DATED: 8131104	
24	RUTH ANN TERRY, M.P.H., R.N.	
25	Executive Officer Board of Registered Nursing	
26	Department of Consumer Affairs State of California	
27	Complainant 03579110-LA2004800622/iz	

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